

Richmond Merchants Will Offer Many Bargains in Thursday's Times-Dispatch.

PORTSMOUTH THREATENED

Fire in Heart of Retail District Gives Firemen Hard Fight.

YOUNG MEN MAY VOTE

Judge Crocker Issues Peremptory Order to Treasurer to Receive Poll Taxes.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NORFOLK, Va., April 26.—Judge James P. Crocker, of Portsmouth, today heard argument in the case of Foster Staples against the city treasurer for refusing to receive the poll taxes of the young men who attained his majority this year, and issued a peremptory mandamus compelling the treasurer to accept the tax as tendered. This action was taken on much broader grounds than those assumed by the Richmond court and it practically enfranchises every young man who attains his majority this year.

WORK FOR THE COLLIER.
This city will send a strong delegation to Washington to-morrow night to urge the Secretary of the Navy to designate this navy-yard as the one where the new naval collier to be built on the Atlantic coast shall be built.

Governor Montague and Lieutenant-Governor Willard told the committee by telephone this afternoon that they will be present at the conference in Washington if possible.

STUBBORN FIGHT.
Fire, threatening the heart of the retail district of Portsmouth, broke out this afternoon in the block between Crawford and Middle Streets on County Street. The firemen had a hard fight to subdue the flames. There were frequent back draughts and many narrow escapes from suffocating smoke.

The loss will reach nearly \$10,000. The Hartford, Farragut's famous old flagship, arrived at the navy-yard this afternoon for repairs, prior to rejoining the training squadron.

ELOPEMENT.

Long Drive Over the Mountains by Couple on Marriage Bent.

AYLMEY, Va., April 26.—Mr. Claude M. Smith and Miss Lucy Coleman eloped from here last Friday. Miss Coleman was visiting her father, Mr. Coleman, and started off for what was supposed to be a short drive, but they drove on and on through the beautiful Blue Ridge mountains, and descended the steep steps until they reached Basic City, where they took a fast train for Washington, D. C., where the binding knot was tied.

Miss Coleman is a daughter of Mr. J. M. Coleman, a prominent lawyer of Lynchburg. Mr. Smith is a pleasant young gentleman, who is representing a large lumber company here.

RAIN AT DANVILLE.

A Drouth Lasting Since March Was Broken.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
DANVILLE, Va., April 26.—A drouth, lasting since March 28th, was broken here to-day by a nice rain. To-night the first real thunder storm of the season swept over the city. Only eleven hundred and an inch of water fell here in twenty-nine days before to-day.

SEA CAPTAIN UP FOR SMUGGLING

(By Associated Press.)

TAMPA, Fla., April 26.—United States District Attorney J. N. Stripling to-day filed libels in the United States Court against Captain J. B. Allen, of the steamer Mascotte, and Captain F. E. Turner, of the steamer Olivette, both plying between Havana and Port Tampa, charging them with bringing from Cuba cigarettes on which the duty was not paid.

The captains were not charged with knowing that the cigarettes were smuggled on their vessels, but the district attorney holds that they are liable for the penalty, which is a fine equal to the value of the goods, with the customs duties added.

FACTORY GIRL ELECTED QUEEN

Diamond Ring Brings Six Hundred Dollars at Five Cents a Vote.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
SUFFOLK, Va., April 26.—In a most exciting contest for Queen of the Pythian Street Carnival, which ended here at 11 o'clock to-night, Miss Lillie Hines, a beautiful young factory girl, won over young society women by a plurality of 28. The voting had been in progress for weeks, but up to to-night none of the five candidates had as many as 1,000 votes. During the last hours of the secret ballot some planning was done, and the diamond ring, which goes with the crown, brought nearly \$600 at 5 cents a vote. Feeling had been aroused by remarks about a "factory girl" having entered the question of Lillie Hines. The vote was: Lillie Hines, 3,235; Claudia Butler, 2,907; Anna Philhower, 2,005; Katharine Cope, 1,434; Teiza Smith, 1,297.

Miss Hines has been employed in a velvet plant several years, helping to support herself and widowed mother. She is of good family. Her grandfather was the late Rev. Mills Barrett.

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CHESTERFIELD CIRCUIT COURT

The Smallpox Bills Are Heavy. Skinquatter District Has No Fence Law in Force.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
CHESTERFIELD, Va., April 26.—The suit of A. W. Watkins against the Atlantic Coast Line for fire damages, begun yesterday, was concluded this afternoon, the jury allowing the plaintiff \$120. A motion to set the verdict aside was continued until next Monday night.

The plaintiff sued for \$800. The same plaintiff's suit against the Seaboard Air Line Railway for damages caused by inadequate drainage, terminated on Saturday evening, with a verdict adverse to Mr. Watkins, the jury allowing him no damages.

No case is on docket for trial to-morrow, but a suit of W. O. Watkins against the Richmond and Petersburg Electric Railway will be begun on Thursday, and a suit of Lydia W. Cook vs. the Seaboard Air Line Railway has been set for Friday. Judge Watson will go from here to Nottingham about the middle of next week.

The county supervisors met here yesterday, audited and paid many claims, drawing heavily upon the county treasury, the disbursements on account of the recent smallpox quarantine in Matlock District alone amounting to about eight hundred dollars, despite the fact that there are yet some large accounts in connection with the care of the smallpox victims to be passed upon.

On petition of a majority of the voters of Skinquatter precinct, the supervisors declared the "two fence" law to be in force in Skinquatter voting district for the future, every man's boundary line to be henceforth his fence.

The commissioners of the revenue were kept busy yesterday issuing merchants' licenses, but a good many merchants have not yet applied, and the commissioners will sit again the second Monday in May to accommodate the delinquents.

NEW SCHOOL TRUSTEES.

The Board of Supervisors De-mur to Smallpox Claims.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
BOYDTON, Va., April 26.—The committee on the books for the public schools of Mecklenburg will meet here in the office of the superintendent of schools on the 26th and 30th of this month.

A committee is composed of the following three school trustees: H. L. Petty, of North View; Leach Scott, of Mecklenburg; and H. F. Hutcheson, of Barkerville and also the following school teachers: H. W. Carter, Chase City; Miss Laura W. Townes, Boydton, and Miss Helen Johnson, North View.

The town has been overrun with book agents drumming for their books. At the board, held on the 19th of this month, almost an entirely new set of trustees in the districts of the county were appointed, their terms to begin May 1st. Out of the twenty-four trustees in the county, only eight of them were reappointed.

The board of supervisors of Mecklenburg met here to-day. Every member was present. The claims most difficult to settle were what is known as the "smallpox" claims. Many of the bills were considered by the board excessive, and an order was made referring all of them to the Attorney General.

Colonel Thomas F. Goode, I am told, is improving and strengthening, and is more cheerful. He takes daily drives.

ONE HOPE ONLY.

An Attempt to Get Woodward's Sentence Commuted.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
TAYLORVILLE, Va., April 26.—A letter received here from the Supreme Court refuses a writ of error in the Woodward case, and unless the Governor commutes his sentence, Woodward will hang May 6th. His counsel succeeded in getting a stay of execution from April 23rd until May 6th, but now that the higher court has confirmed the lower court, it is understood that Senator Harman will try to get his sentence commuted to life imprisonment.

COUNTY COURT DAY STILL ENDURES

Augusta Farmers Display Much Feeling Over Primary Date.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
STAUNTON, Va., April 26.—In spite of the abolition of the time-honored County Court day by the new Constitution, it is still a popular favorite here, as was demonstrated by the large crowd of county people who filled the town Monday to trade horses, discuss politics and transact business generally.

The county people seem very much incensed over the action of the Congressional Committee of the Tenth District in arranging to hold the Democratic primary right in the midst of their harvest.

Many of the farmers even go so far as to say that they will vote the Republican ticket rather than bear such unjust discrimination, as the farmers east of the Blue Ridge are through harvesting by the 24th of July, while the farmers to the west are in the very midst of their busiest season.

They also call attention to the fact that the committee treated them in the same manner some two years ago.

ROMANTIC MARRIAGE.

A Beautiful Virginia Girl Finds Her Fate in Mississippi.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
CHATHAM, Va., April 26.—News has been received here of the marriage of Miss Jessie Hamlin Tredway, of this place, to Mr. James C. Purnell, Jr., of Winona, Miss., at which place the wedding was celebrated on April 18th at 10 P. M. by Rev. E. Sterling Gunn officiating. Miss Tredway left this place three weeks previous to her marriage to visit friends in Winona, where she met the young man now her husband. It was love at first sight, and culminated at the end of three weeks in the twain being one.

The bride, who is a young woman of many accomplishments and very pretty, is the second daughter of late County Judge James L. Tredway and grand daughter of Mr. Jesse Hamlin Tredway, a prominent and wealthy citizen of this place.

The groom is the son of a wealthy and prominent Mississippiian and very prominent in the society circles of his home town. The couple immediately left on a Southern tour, going thence to the St. Louis Exposition, and on their return South will visit the bride's old home here.

OVATION TO HOME TEAM.

Washington and Lee Players Met as Conquering Heroes.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
LEXINGTON, Va., April 26.—The baseball team of Washington and Lee University arrived home this evening and were given a royal reception. They were met at the Union Station by the student body and a large delegation of citizens.

The team was driven through the streets in a tall, decorated car, and the cheerleaders, led by the Virginia Military Institute Post Band.

FLUVANNA COUNTY WITHOUT LICENSE

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
FORK UNION, Va., April 26.—Fluvanna County Court yesterday was occupied exclusively in considering the applications for the renewal of liquor license in Columbia. Able counsel was employed on both sides, but the decision was against the liquor men, thus closing the last saloon in Fluvanna.

Democratic Committee.

MEHERRIN, Va., April 26.—Precinct mass meetings will be held Saturday to elect a Democratic candidate from each district. Enough of the county has remained to have a substantial majority in the county.

Schultz-Perkins.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
FORK UNION, Va., April 26.—At an early hour this morning Miss Lucy Archer Perkins was married to Mr. Julius Perkins by Rev. G. H. Snead, officiating. The bride had been for some years prominently engaged as teacher, and the groom is a well known business man of Richmond. After a visit to relatives in Pittsylvania county, Va., the married pair will make their home in the capital city.

Heavy Hail.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
TAYLORVILLE, Va., April 26.—A heavy thunder storm and hail storm swept over this place to-day, doing great damage to the English pea crop, also a heavy rainfall of great benefit to farmers, breaking the protracted dry spell.

Memorial Day in Florida.

(By Associated Press.)
JACKSONVILLE, Fla., April 26.—Memorial Day was observed here in the usual manner, under the auspices of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. General B. M. Law, of Barlow, delivered the address.

DIVORCE IN PETERSBURG

Marriage To-day of Miss Elizabeth Owens Ridout to Mr. E. A. Humphrey.

CAMERON FOR CONGRESS

Is Being Urged to Run, But Has Given No Indication of His Purpose.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
PETERSBURG, Va., April 26.—Judge Mullen, of the Hustings Court, refused Saturday to grant a divorce to either party in the suit of Benjamin F. Vaughan against his wife, Mollie Vaughan. The court subsequently reconsidered the case, however, and has granted a divorce, a mensa, to the defendant, Mollie Vaughan, who is given the custody of her children, and the right to apply, after three years, for an absolute divorce.

Rev. W. W. Royall, D. D., secretary of Missions of the Virginia Conference, now in this city adding Dr. W. G. Starr, the pastor, in protracted religious services at Washington Street Church, delivered a fine address on China yesterday afternoon to a large number of young ladies in that building.

FINE ENTERTAINMENT.

The Arlington Literary Club of Chesterfield gave an entertainment for the benefit of the organ fund of Ivy Memorial Church, Monday night, at the home of Mr. Walter Ivy. There was a large crowd in attendance, many of the present being from Richmond and Petersburg. A handsome sum was realized.

At Grace Church to-morrow at noon, Miss Elizabeth Owens Ridout, sister of Rev. John Ridout, will be married to Mr. E. A. Humphrey, of Goldsboro, N. C.

Mr. Henry Bird Field, of this city, will be married to-morrow in Norfolk, to Miss Thyrre Alexandra Kirk.

CAMERON FOR CONGRESS.

The friends of former Governor William E. Cameron are urging him to become a candidate for Congress from this district, but thus far he has given them no definite assurance that he will enter the field.

BOND ELECTION.

Shenandoah to Have Pure Water From Top of Massanutten.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
LURAY, Va., April 26.—The proposition to bond the town of Shenandoah for \$20,000 for the purpose of putting in a water system, twice defeated by a vote of that town, was carried by the water people to-day by a majority of 40 votes. The system will cost \$20,000, though the town has about \$6,000 available for that purpose.

The water will be brought from Rattle's Gap, on top of the Massanutten Mountain, a distance of six miles from the town and across the Shenandoah River.

FOR TARIFF REVISION.

Senator Bacon Concludes His Talk on This Subject.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, April 26.—The Senate to-day passed the military academy appropriation bill, the last of the supply measures. The amendments suggested by the Committee on Military Affairs for a reorganization of the medical and ordnance department of the army and for the establishment of a number of camps were declared to be out of order and none of them were retained. These amendments were discussed at length before the committee, which began yesterday, continuing to discuss in which domestic purchasers of American manufactures are required to pay higher prices than purchasers of the same articles residing in other countries.

Mr. Bacon said he did not expect to see a low tariff in the United States for many years; first, because the revenue necessities of the country render it impracticable, and secondly, because the business affairs of the country are so adjusted as to make it impracticable. He contended, therefore, that no reasonable tariff and for a modification of some of the schedules, under which he said, there were abuses.

After a colloquy with Mr. Aldrich regarding tariff revision, Mr. Bacon said that the country had known ever since the tariff was lowered that no changes would be undertaken at this session, saying that the entire programme had been arranged on the occasion of the visit of the Rhode Island Senator, and a half dozen other Senators, to the summer home of the President and the arrangements had not dared to disturb the arrangement.

The Senate took a recess until 10 o'clock to-morrow.

Mr. Aldrich, leaving the recess extended, hoped that a final adjournment might be secured Thursday next.

POSTMASTER PAYNE HAS IMPROVED IN HEALTH

(By Associated Press.)

CHARLESTON, S. C., April 26.—Postmaster Payne and Mrs. Payne landed in the city to-day from the revenue cutter Onondaga and took quarters at a hotel, where they will remain for several days.

When he boarded the cutter at Fort Monroe, April 17, he had to be helped aboard, but his sea voyage to Galveston and thence has considerably improved his health.

FORTY-SIX PERSONS KILLED IN MINE DISASTER

(By Associated Press.)

JOHANNESBURG, April 26.—The collision of a cage in the Robinson mine precipitated forty-six natives two thousand feet to the bottom. All were killed. The bottom of the shaft is a quagmire of human remains.

Love Awarded Decision Over Feltz.

(By Associated Press.)

BALTIMORE, April 26.—Tommy Love, of Philadelphia, was awarded the decision over Tommy Feltz, of Brooklyn, in their fifteen round bout to-night before the Eutaw Athletic Club.

Mr. L. M. Rhinehart will be in this city to shake hands with his many friends and to renew acquaintances. He will be registered at the Murphy's Hotel, and will remain over April 28th. Mr. Rhinehart is connected with the Regal Shoe Company as their traveling representative and has with him a complete line of spring styles. He is taking orders for Regal Shoes for future delivery by mail.

CONSPIRACY IS FEARED

It Is Said to be Aimed Against Judge Alton B. Parker.

JONES GOES TO SEE MURPHY

Opposition to Parker Seeking Advantage in Temporary Organization of Convention.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NEW YORK, April 26.—James K. Jones, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, arrived at the Fifth Avenue Hotel yesterday. He said last night that he hoped before he left to have a talk with Charles F. Murphy. Friends of Judge Alton B. Parker are fearful that the coming of Mr. Jones at this time foreshadows an attempt on the part of the opponents of Judge Parker to throw obstacles in the way of his nomination in the Democratic National convention by placing contesting delegations on the temporary roll of the convention.

While Mr. Jones was willing to say very little for publication, it is no secret that he is opposed to Judge Parker's nomination. It has caused no surprise, therefore, that he should wish to consult with Mr. Murphy, who is at the head and front of the anti-Parker movement in this State.

Mr. Jones is not friendly to David B. Hill, and to the supposed intimacy between Mr. Hill and Judge Parker is attributed the hostility that is said to exist to Judge Parker in certain parts of the South and West.

ARGUMENTS OF OPPOSITION.

It is asserted that Mr. Hill refused to permit Judge Parker to take the nomination for Governor two years ago because he feared that if elected Governor, Judge Parker might stand in the way of his ambition to become the candidate of his party for the presidency. Although Mr. Hill is now managing the Parker boom, it is held that Judge Parker's willingness to stand aside two years ago at the request of Mr. Hill betrays a dangerous subservience.

It is also asserted that Mr. Cleveland's expression of confidence in Judge Parker as an indication of the return of the Democratic party to sanity has offended the "million and a quarter of Democrats who voted for William J. Bryan, and are not willing to admit that they were wrong."

Still another reason that is alleged for the opposition that is said to exist in the Southwest to Judge Parker is the conspicuous part that has been taken in the Parker campaign by August Belmont. It is declared that the South favors making the destruction of the trusts the overshadowing issue of the Democratic national campaign. It is explained, Mr. Belmont is classed with Wall Street, and Wall Street is regarded by them as the home of trusts.

PARKER'S FORCES FEAR COM-MITTEE.

Judge Parker's supporters from the start have been suspicious of the Democratic National Committee, which was chosen four years ago in the heat of the Bryan movement and was organized in the interest of the Nebraska candidate. The committee will make up the temporary roll of the convention, and will have the power to seat many delegations hostile to Judge Parker in Indiana and other States, where the election of contesting Hearst delegations is anticipated. Such action would place the friends of Judge Parker from these States in the attitude of contestants for the nomination, and would give the preliminary work of the convention an anti-Parker tinge, which might be difficult to overcome later in the proceedings.

Mr. Jones told his friends yesterday that he had no desire to serve again as chairman of the National Committee. Southern Democratic leaders who are opposed to Judge Parker were sarcastic over the assumption that his nomination and election are assured because New York instructed for him. They insist that Mr. Hearst has genuine strength in the South, and that it is not too late for the nomination of a "dark horse."

Mr. Jones gave as his reason for not desiring to be quoted at this time, his desire to avoid stirring up strife within the party.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. Andrew Boulware.

The death of Mrs. M. V. Boulware occurred at 3:40 o'clock yesterday morning at her residence, No. 704 State Street.

Mrs. Boulware was one of the oldest and best known residents of Fulton. She leaves her husband, Mr. Andrew Boulware, two sons, Mr. Robert E. Brown, an officer in the First Police District, and Mr. John H. Boulware, manager of the Fulton Shoe Company, and one daughter, Mrs. Alice Washer, wife of Alderman Louis Washer.

Miss Maude G. Wash.

Miss Maude G. Wash, daughter of Mrs. O. E. Wash, died at 3 o'clock yesterday morning at her residence, No. 706 1-2 West Clay Street.

The funeral will take place at 8:30 o'clock this morning from the residence. The interment will be made in Leola cemetery.

Funeral Services.

The funeral of Mrs. Henrietta Cornick took place at 11:30 o'clock yesterday morning from Pratt's Castle.

The funeral of Miss Jennie Hutcheson took place at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon from the residence, No. 531 North Second Street.

The funeral of Mr. Elias H. Nuckolls took place at 3 o'clock yesterday from the residence, No. 5 North Short Street. The interment was made in River View Cemetery.

Miss Eliza M. Ruffin.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., April 26.—Miss Eliza M. Ruffin, daughter of the late Frank G. Ruffin, the distinguished writer, and for many years a prominent figure in the political and agricultural history of Virginia, died here today at the residence of her cousin, Dr. William M. Randolph.

Whilst a little girl, and soon after the death of her mother—a granddaughter of Thomas Jefferson—she made her home with her father, the Misses Randolph, with her mother, the Misses Randolph, Edge Hill, and resided there until

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DEATHS.

BOLIVARE.—Died, April 26th, 1904, at 4 A. M., at the residence of her husband, 24 State Street, Mrs. M. V. BOWLER, wife of Andrew Boulware.

Funeral from Fulton Baptist Church 7:15 (Wednesday) A. M. Friends and acquaintances invited to attend